

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/July 15-25, 2004

Eastern Region Chip Seal

SR 23/Lords Creek to SR 28 (MP54-66)-In Lincoln County

SR 31/Tiger to Metaline Falls (MP 0-14)-In Pend Oreille County

SR 206/Bruce Road to Mt. Spokane State Park Entrance (MP 3-15)-In Spokane County

SR 261/Sutton Rd. to I-90 (MP 44-62)-In Adams County

SR 291/Suncrest to SR 231 (MP 14-33)-In Stevens County

SR 902/I-90 to Lakeland Village (MP 0-4)-In Spokane County

The work schedule for these sections is extremely variable, depending on weather and material availability. Chip seal and/or fog seal work may be underway in one or more of these sections over the next week. While work is underway, motorists can expect loose gravel and/or fresh oil on the roadway. Expect possible slow, single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers or pilot cars. This work requires dry weather.

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<u>SR 28/Harrington to Davenport (MP 117-130)</u>-Sign and guidepost installation with possible intermittent lane restrictions. Additional roadwork items are planned for August.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Adams County Line to Spokane County Line (MP 239-255)- Sunday evening, July 18th through Friday, July 23rd, the eastbound and westbound Sprague Lake Rest Areas will be fully closed for parking lot pavement sealing. In other project activity, illumination, drainage, paint striping, paving and earthwork are underway on various sections of I-90 within these project limits. Motorists should expect eastbound and/or westbound lane restrictions. Note: The legal speed limit is reduced to 55 mph when lane restrictions are in place. These speed limit changes will be noted by signage when in effect.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Argonne to Sullivan (MP 287-292)- On Monday, July 19th, the legal speed limit in this section will be reduced to 50 mph. Motorists should be alert for new speed limit signs. Concrete paving is underway. Work will not impact freeway traffic however increased construction activity adjacent to the freeway lanes may distract drivers. Intermittent nighttime on and off ramp restrictions are possible in order to move paving equipment from one location to another. In general, travel lanes are 11 feet wide. Inside and outside shoulders are 2 feet wide with concrete barriers in place. On-ramp merging distance is reduced. The eastbound Evergreen on-ramp is closed. Motorists need to be extremely alert within this work zone and be on a special lookout for vehicles slowing ahead near on ramps. Lanes and shoulders are narrow and on-ramp merging distances are reduced.

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<u>I-90/ITS</u> (Cameras & Variable Message Sign) (MP 280-287)- No freeway lane restrictions.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Sullivan to Idaho (MP 292-299)- Nighttime grinding and paving operations will start on Monday evening, July 19th and are expected to last for about 3 weeks. On/off ramps at Barker Rd., Greenacres, Liberty Lake, and the Idaho Rd. will be impacted. Message signs will be placed in advance of any ramp closure to warn motorists and will be in use during the closure to assist. No two consecutive on or off ramps will be closed at the same time. Ramp closures will occur after 7pm and be open by 6am. Also, beginning on Monday evening, July 19th, motorists should expect some freeway lane restrictions for various construction activities in the eastbound and westbound lanes. No daytime lane restrictions.

SR 290/Trent Avenue Bridge (MP 1)-Items on the schedule include removal of temporary work bridge structures with roadway finish work at times. Possible lane restrictions. No delays expected.

US 395/Just north of Hastings Road (MP 166½)-No work this week.

<u>US 395-North Spokane Corridor/Farwell Road Lowering and Bridges</u>- Bridge pier footing work is underway. Watch for trucks entering and exiting Farwell Road from the work area. No main highway traffic impacts. Some sewer work may be underway on Farwell Road will possible lane restrictions.

<u>SR 20/Clark and 6th Streets in Republic (MP 303)-</u>City street work underway. Paving on Clark Street is done. Paving work may be underway on 6th. This is a City of Republic project with WSDOT participation. Contact (509) 775-2929.